

General Guidelines of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

- The objective is to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage.
- One lakh scholarships @ Rs.12000/- per annum (Rs.1000/- per month) are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme.
- There is quota of scholarships for different States/UTs.
- Students of NVS, KVS, Sainik schools and private schools are not entitled for the scholarships.
- Scholarships are disbursed on quality basis by the State Bank of India directly by electronic transfer into the accounts of students through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- Students whose parental income from all sources is not more than Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum are eligible to avail the scholarships.
- There is reservation as per State Government norms.
- The selection of students for award of scholarships under the scheme is made through an examination conducted by the State Governments.
- The students shall have minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of scholarship (Relaxable by 5% for SC/ST).
- At the time of selection for the award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VIII examination. There will be 5 % relaxation for SC/ST.
- For continuing the scholarship in class X and XII, the awardees should get clear promotion from class IX to class X and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt with 55% marks (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST).The students should continue their studies in Government, Government aided, local bodies i.e. ZP, municipal schools, and Modal schools which have no residential facility. The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in

Class X (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST) examination or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.

- Each State/UT conducts its own test for selection of students for the award of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship. The State Level Examination consists of the following two tests.
 - (i) Mental Ability Test (MAT)
 - (ii) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- **Students of Class IX and X need to apply under Pre-Matric scholarship category whereas students of class XI and XII need to apply under Post-Matric scholarship category.**
- For pre-matric (IX and X), only two application can be submitted through one mobile.
- For post-matric (XI and XII), only one application can be submitted through one mobile.
- The last date for submission of applications on Portal is given in the related press note which is kept in this office web site '<http://bse.telangana.gov.in>'.
- The applications submitted in NSP by the beneficiaries are to be verified and submitted at School and District level.
- ❖ Students studying academic course of Inter mediate(general) in Government and Government aided colleges Modal colleges which have no residential facility provided by Government are only eligible for continuation of NMMS scholarship for class XI and XII.

Students studying in private colleges are not eligible for continuation of NMMS scholarship for class XI and XII.

Students studying Technical/diploma/certificate level course courses in Any college(Govt or private) after Completion of class X are not eligible for continuation of NMMS scholarship for class XI and XII.

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